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HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built 1843.

Thomas Nelson was a friend and patron of George Caleb Bingham, for whom his grandson, George Bingham Birch, was named. Bingham was often a visitor in this house and here, among other portraits of the Nelson family, his famous, "Lady with the Palm Leaf Fan" was painted. Also Bingham's painting, "The Nelson Homestead."

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp, HABS historian. A master list is available in the [REDACTED] records for MO-1800.